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WSDA Pesticide Enforcement Actions – 2018

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Case Number	Party(ies) Involved / County of Incident	Description	Action	Date of Final Order
CJS-0035-18 PM-18-0026	Danny Harris WGE Holdings, LLC Yakima County	A July 19, 2018, air blast application to an orchard, was alleged to have drifted off target, exposing an adjacent residence and vehicles.	A Director's Final Order assessed a \$350 civil penalty and a 5 day license suspension against Danny Harris, as the responsible private applicator.	12/4/2018
KFJ-0011-18 PM-18-0023	Luis Villanueva Thurston County	A May 24, 2018, pesticide application to Christmas trees, made by a crew under the supervision of Luis Villanueva, is alleged to have drifted off target exposing an adjacent yard and person in the yard.	A Director's Default Order assessed a \$450 civil penalty against Luis Villanueva, as the responsible private applicator.	12/4/2018
BAO-0030-18 PM-18-0022	Ryan Flanagan Flanagan-Milbrandt, LLC Douglas County	A September 4, 2018, Worker Protection Standard (WPS) inspection found deficiencies with Flanagan-Milbrandt, LLC, vineyard: insufficient handler decontamination supplies, no emergency eye flush and no eyewash station at mix-load area.	A Director's Final order assessed a \$900 civil penalty against Flanagan-Milbrandt, LLC, as the responsible employer.	11/8/18
TAS-0012-18 PM-18-0021	Brian Windsor TLC Flying Whitman County	A May 20, 2018, aerial fungicide application to wheat is alleged to have contacted a person riding	A Director's Final Order assessed a \$450 civil penalty and a seven day license suspension against Brian Windsor as the	11/8/18

		their bike along a state highway.	responsible commercial applicator.	
CSH-0009-18 PM-18-0020	Kirk Baumann Baumann Farms Inc Walla Walla County	An April 24, 2018, ground herbicide application to wheat is alleged to have contacted two survey crew people working adjacent to field.	A Director's Default order assessed a \$900 civil penalty and a fourteen day license suspension against Kirk Baumann as the responsible private applicator.	10/22/18
ERE-0016-18 PM-18-0019	Mike Corrales Corrales AG Inc Franklin County	A May 4, 2018, ground herbicide application to timothy hay is alleged to have drifted onto nearby grape vineyard causing damage.	A Director's Default order assessed a \$450 civil penalty and a seven day license suspension against Mike Corrales as the responsible private applicator.	10/22/18
JJR-0007-18 PM-18-0017	Michele Valori Aquilini Red Mountain Vineyards, LP Benton County	A June 12, 2018, follow-up Worker Protection Standard (WPS) inspection found repeat deficiencies with Aquilini Red Mountain Vineyards: Incomplete safety training for handlers and incomplete decontamination supplies for handlers.	A Director's Default Order assessed a \$1,800 civil penalty against Aquilini Red Mountain vineyards, LP as the responsible employer.	10/5/18
TAS-0017-18 PM-18-0016	Daniel Faunce Faunce Air, LLC Whitman County	A June 28, 2018, Agricultural Use inspection found Worker Protection Standard (WPS) deficiencies with Faunce Air LLC: incomplete Personal protective equipment (PPE) and incomplete decontamination supplies for handler.	A Director's Default Order assessed a \$900 civil penalty against Faunce Air, LLC as the responsible employer.	9/18/18
CJS-0019-18 PM-18-0015	Mike Adams Firewater Ranch Partnership	An April 21, 2018, an air blast pesticide application under the responsibility of Mike Adams, drifted off target onto a residence and vehicles.	A Director's Stipulation and Final Order assessed a \$400 civil penalty and suspended his Private Applicator's license for four days.	8/31/18
RAS-0005-18 PM-18-0014	Jose Jimenez Piepel Premium Fruit Co. LLC	A March 20, 2018, an air blast pesticide application supervised by Jose Jimenez, drifted off target onto a residence and equipment.	A Director's Default Order assessed a \$450 civil penalty and suspended his Private applicator's license for seven days.	8/31/18

RAS-0012-17 PM-18-0013	Robert Slack Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District	Robert Slack admitted to cheating on a WSDA Aquatic Irrigation pesticide exam in Yakima.	A Director's Default Order revoked his Aquatic Irrigation category effective May 22, 2018, with no opportunity to re- apply and test until September 14, 2018.	5/22/18
RAS-00012-17 PM-18-0012	Jimmy Salinas Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District	Jimmy Salinas admitted to cheating on a WSDA Aquatic Irrigation pesticide exam in Yakima.	A Director's Default Order revoked his Aquatic Irrigation category effective May 22, 2018, with no opportunity to reapply and test until September 14, 2018.	5/22/18
RAS-00012-17 PM-18-0011	Tyler J. Leighty Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District	Tyler Leighty admitted to cheating on a WSDA Aquatic Irrigation pesticide exam in Yakima.	A Director's Default Order revoked his Aquatic Irrigation category effective May 22, 2018, with no opportunity to re- apply and test until September 14, 2018.	5/22/18
RAS-00012-17 PM-18-0010	Christopher Garza Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District	Christopher Garza admitted to cheating on a WSDA Aquatic Irrigation pesticide exam in Yakima.	A Director's Default Order revoked his Aquatic Irrigation category effective May 22, 2018, with no opportunity to re- apply and test until September 14, 2018.	5/22/18
RAS-00012-17 PM-18-0009	Jakob Anderson Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District	Jakob Anderson admitted to cheating on a WSDA Aquatic Irrigation pesticide exam in Yakima.	A Director's Default Order revoked his Aquatic Irrigation category effective May 22, 2018, with no opportunity to re- apply and test until September 14, 2018.	5/22/2018
RAS-0015-17 PM-18-0007	Alvaro Diaz Crazy Frog LLC	A November 28, 2017, Commercial Applicator Inspection found several deficiencies in licensing and recordkeeping for Crazy Frog LLC, in Kennewick, WA.	A Director's Final Order assessed a \$2400 penalty against Crazy Frog LLC and the commercial applicator as the responsible party.	5/7/2018
CJS-0003-18 PM-18-0008	Ray Morales Peoh Point Lodge LLC.	Mr. Morales placed four packs of mothballs within his rental lodge, not according to label instructions, which allegedly exposed guests staying in the lodge to the	A Director's Default order assessed a \$450 penalty against Ray Morales as the responsible party.	4/23/2018

		pesticide vapors 21 days later.		
RAS-0012-17 PM-18-0002	Prudencio Palomarez Roza Irrigation District	Prudencio Palomarez admitted to removing exam materials from a WSDA Yakima testing session.	A Director's Final Order revoked his Public Operator's License as of January 1, 2018, with no opportunity to re-apply and test until after June 1, 2018.	3/21/2018
RAS-0012-17 PM-18-0003	Aaron Scheler Roza Irrigation District	Aaron Scheler admitted to removing exam materials from a WSDA Yakima testing session.	A Director's Final Order revoked his Public Operator's License as of January 1, 2018, with no opportunity to re-apply and test until after June 1, 2018.	3/12/2018
RAS-0012-17 PM-18-0001	Travis McWhirk Roza Irrigation District	Travis McWhirk admitted to removing exam materials from a WSDA Yakima testing session.	A Director's Final Order revoked his Public Operator's License as of January 1, 2018, with no opportunity to re-apply and test until after June 1, 2018.	3/1/2018
ERE-0012-17 PM-17-0028	Michael Ratigan Grant County	A July 14, 2017 aerial herbicide application to a grass hay field drifted onto adjacent property causing damage to a variety of landscape and garden plants.	Settlement of \$550 and a seven day license suspension with Mr. Ratigan who was the Commercial Operator making the application.	2/1/2018